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CLAUDE L. WIMBERLY

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 12475]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 12475) for the relief of Claude L. Wimberly, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the bill is to pay the sum of \$130 to Claude L. Wimberly for the loss of his personal property in Baghdad, Iraq, on or about August 21, 1958, while he was detailed to duty there by the U.S. Information Agency.

STATEMENT

The bill was introduced at the request of the U.S. Information Agency.

The claimant, an employee of the U.S. Information Agency, traveling pursuant to orders of the Agency to perform temporary duty in Iraq, arrived at the Baghdad, Iraq, airport on August 21, 1958. During customs' formalities, Iraqi authorities removed certain of his personal effects and money and failed to return them. Efforts by the U.S. Embassy in Iraq to recover the claimant's property have been unsuccessful. The value of the property totals \$130.

The U.S. Information Agency has advised the Congress that the claim has been approved by the Agency Claims Board after careful consideration of information submitted by the claimant in accordance with the Agency's regulations.

The committee believes that the bill is meritorious and recommends it favorably.

Attached and made a part of this report is a letter, dated May 26, 1960, from the U.S. Information Agency.

U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY,
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,
Washington, May 26, 1960.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives drafts of proposed private legislation for the relief of two employees of this Agency, with my recommendation for favorable consideration by the Congress.

The first bill, for the relief of John H. Esterline, would authorize reimbursement in the amount of \$1,461.05 for damage to personal effects and automobile in 1956 during packing, crating of said property in Colombo, Ceylon, or during shipment thereof from Colombo to the United States, pursuant to official orders.

The second bill, for the relief of Claude L. Wimberly, would authorize reimbursement in the amount of \$130 for the loss of personal effects, following customs' formalities, on or about August 21, 1958, while in Baghdad, Iraq, on official duty.

Each of the claims indicated in the above bills were approved by the Agency Claims Board after careful consideration of information submitted by each claimant in accordance with Agency regulations. Summaries of each claim are attached.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that it has no objection to the submission of these bills.

Sincerely,

ABBOTT WASHBURN, *Acting Director.*

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